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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RS, PDEV, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA REUTERS REPORTS SMITH AND NKOMO MEETING

1. THE BRITISH HAVE INFORMED US THAT A REUTERS REPORT HAS BEEN PUT OUT IN LONDON QUOTING ZANU-SITHOLE SPOKESMAN IN SALISBURY TO THE EFFECT THAT IAN SMITH TRAVELED TO LUSAKA ON AUGUST 14 WHERE HE MET WITH JOSHUA NKOMO. THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED FORMING AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF WHICH NKOMO WOULD BE CHAIRMAN, AND OTHER SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE ALL PARTIES MEETING WOULD IMPLEMENT THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. ACCORDING TO SITHOLE THE AGREEMENT HAS THE APPROVAL OF FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN AND THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LUSAKA. THE UANC WAS QUERIED ABOUT THE REPORT AND CONFIRMED THAT IT  
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WAS AWARE OF THE INFORMATION AND AGREED WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN HAS INSTRUCTED BRITISH SPOKESMEN AND POSTS ARE TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTION THAT THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE STORY.

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